



Asparagopsis taxiformis

Red algae

Threat Scores

1. Ecological Impact
 - Competes with native species for resources.
2. Invasive Potential
 - Potential for future translocations via shipping routes or through drift of stolon fragments
3. Geographic Extent
 - Locally pervasive
4. Management Difficulty
 - No known successful eradications

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Australia, New Zealand, and perhaps Chile
2. Introduced: Caribbean, Florida, Hawai'i
3. Habitats
 - Marine, typically tropical to warm temperate distribution

Invasion Pathways

1. Ballast water and sediments
2. Natural spread
3. Hull/Surface fouling

Non-Native Locations

1. 65- Greater Antilles
2. 70- Floridian
3. 152- Hawaiian Islands

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